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SUBJECT: POST APOLLO SPACELAB NEGOTIATIONS

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1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED U. S. AIDE MEMOIRE TRANSMITTED REFTEL WITH GOB FONMIN SCIENCE SERVICE CHIEF BOUHA. BOUHA TOLD US THAT GOB IS GENERALLY PLEASED WITH U. S. RESPONSE TO EUROPEAN DESIDERATA AND WILL SUPPORT FAVORABLE REPLY TO U. S. WITHOUT FURTHER NEGOTIATION AT AD HOC MEETING ON POST- APOLLO AGREEMENT TO BE HELD IN PARIS ON JUNE 21.

2. BOUHA DID, HOWEVER, NOTE THAT GOB MILDLY DISSATISFIED ON THREE POINTS:

A. REFUSAL OF U. S. TO IMPROVE PROVISION CONCERNING ACCESS TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TECHNOLOGY NOT DIRECTLY LINKED TO SPACELAB DEVELOPMENT. (WE HAVE IMPRESSION THIS CONCERN EXPRESSED PURELY PRO FORMA: BOUHA DESCRIBED ITS INCLUSION IN EUROPEAN AIDE MEMOIRE AS " A KIND OF GRUMBLIN".)

B. U. S. UNWILLINGNESS TO MAKE EXPLICIT IN AGREEMENT GOAL OF AVOIDING IMBALANCE IN RECIPROCAL PURCHASE OF COMPONENTS (POINT 3 OF EUROPEAN AIDE MEMOIRE). BOUHA ADDED THAT U. S. UNWILLINGNESS WAS NOT A SUPRISE SINCE U. S. POSITION ON THIS POINT WAS MADE CLEAR IN MAY 3-4 WASHINGTON MEETINGS.

C. BOUHA EXPLAINED THAT GOB HAS WHAT SEEMS TO BE UNIQUE PROBLEM WITH " PROVISIONAL ENTRY INTO FORCE" OF POST- APOLLO AGREEMENT PRIOR TO PARLIAMENTARY RATIFICATION. BELGIUM DOES NOT WISH TO STAND IN WAY OF ENTRY INTO FORCE, BUT FEARS PARLIAMENTARY REACTION IF AGREEMENT SIGNED AD REFERENDUM. BOUHA EXPECTS THAT HE WILL BE OBLIGED TO " MAKE A ROW" DURING PARIS MEETING OVER ENTRY INTO FORCE QUESTION SO THAT MINISTER FOR SCIENCE POLICY HANIN WILL BE ABLE TO SAY THAT BELGIAN REPS HAD SOUGHT TO DEFEND PARLIMENTARY PREROGATIVES. HANIN WILL PROBABLY THEN CLEAR DECISION TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH SELECTED PARLIAMENTARIANS AND GOB WILL DO ITS BEST TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITHOUT UNDUE DELAY.
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